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**And it's good enough for me."**

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## BACK TO CALIFORNIA

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## FINISHED WITH SHIELDS

**With this number of our Magazine, we are finished with E. E. Shields. He has acted in this controversy in a way altogether incompatible with the teaching of Christ. Through his propaganda of slander he has caused shame and dishonour to the Name of Christ, and has done untold harm, not only to Missions in Russia, but also to other soul winning work. He started by withholding the salaries of Missionaries, though as Treasurer it was his duty to look after their welfare. By his tons of slanderous literature he has wasted much of Missionary funds, which had been designated for more honourable purposes.**

**He has been dismissed from all connections with our work, is not entitled to receive or disburse any contribution for our Missionaries, and has nothing whatever to do with our Orphanage, which in an unlawful way, like a Bolshevik, he wanted to transcribe to his own name, and to the names of his two comrades, C. F. Fields, and C. F. Fredman. Of this we have written proof.**

**We thank God for the many friends He has raised up, who are standing by us with their prayers and support, and we feel it is our duty to have finished so far as we are concerned with this controversy, and to dedicate the pages of our Magazine, and our own energies to a positive missionary work.**

**"They (Sanballat and Geshem) thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" Nehemiah 6:2—3.**

# Mr. E. E. SHIELDS' "NOT EVEN ONE CENT FOR PASTOR FETLER'S WORK", AND GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYER OF 9,038,827

On December 23rd, 1929, Mr. E. E. Shields, the dismissed official of the R. M. S. sent out a circular letter to all of our readers with a panicky headline "IMPORTANT PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY". In this letter, as well as in subsequent publications, Mr. Shields told the American donors not to send "even one cent on to the keeping of Mr. Fetler." Mr. Shields thereby assumed the role of Dictator over the consciences and missionary dispositions of our Donors. Moreover, he appears to have been so sure and "prophetic" in his expectations, that as soon as any body would read his statements, people would have no sense of discrimination as to the true facts of the case, and blindly follow his propaganda of slander. But, thanks to God's mercy and goodness, we are glad to inform our readers that Mr. Shields' "prophecies" have not come true. He was so keen in his demand for his fellow-servant's "pound of flesh" that he actually had gone so far as to instruct the friends of the R. M. S. not to give even one cent to the work superintended by Pastor Fetler. That many Friends have thought otherwise, is proved by the fact that since that letter of Mr. Shields was published, instead of even "not one cent", the Friends of our work of the various Sections have contributed during the year, 1930, the splendid amount of 9,082,890 cents (nine million, eighty two thousand eight hundred and ninety cents or $ 90.828.90, the equivalent of £18,620.) Of this amount during the one month of December, 1930, or right after the publication by Mr. Shields of his slanderous book of 80 pages, our readers in U. S. A. & Canada alone contributed more than in six months before.

The Lord be greatly praised and glorified for His faithfulness to those who have put their trust in Him. Thus also on the day of writing this statement, another donation of $500.00 from the U.S.A. has reached us directly at Headquarters in Riga from a dear Friend with the following note: — "We rejoice for the good things the "Friend of Missions" brings, and we continually remember your great work in prayer." This beautiful note and generous gift again brought much comfort and rejoicing to the Workers on the Mission Field, and all these tokens of God's smile upon the work give us fresh zeal and courage.

By this time Mr. Shields will have found out that the majority of Christian people in America, Canada, Great Britain, and elsewhere do not take him seriously, but as the contributor from Los Angeles in her testimony has pointed out, the men of Mr. Shield's type betray their true character by their attitude and actions. The reason why so many of our Friends have refused to follow this Usurper, and have remained faithful to Pastor Fetler's work is very clear. The people who have anything to give for Missions desire their money spent for soul winning, and not for printing of tons of slanderous literature. And while Mr. Shields has been busy for now nearly two years in spreading of slander, and wasting of Mission funds, Pastor Fetler and the missionaries have been incessantly busy in the great work of evangelism, preaching the Gospel to thousands, and winning many souls unto Christ.

The Devil, to be sure, hates Pastor Fetler, and other Missionaries doing this noble work, and Mr. Shields has done everything in his power to assist the Wicked One by urging God's people not to send even one cent to the support of Pastor Fetler and the Missionaries. But the Missionaries and Workers have cried to God, and He has delivered them as seen above, and we firmly trust will deliver still.

To Him be praise, honour, and majesty for ever and ever:

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2) The Russian Missionary Society (Mr. Charles Phillips. Treasurer-in-Chief) 43, Newington Butts, London, S. E. 11, England.

Or directly to the Mission Field:

3) Pastor William Fetler, The Salvation Temple, Post Box 679, Riga, Latvia. Europe.

Please register letters for Riga if containing checks. Send no dollar bills or treasury notes, unless registered.

# VISIT OF REV. F. J. MILES AND MR. CHARLES PHILLIPS TO THE MISSION FIELD

Our new General Secretary, the Rev. F. J. Miles, began his ministry with the Russian Missionary Society, by visiting the Mission field in Poland and Latvia. He was accompanied by our worthy Treasurer and Associate Director, Mr. Charles Phillips, who is always ready and glad to pay a visit to the Mission Stations, and cheer the Workers with his bright presence.

On the way to Poland, Messrs. Miles and Phillips were met in Berlin by Pastor Fetler, and our Superintendent for Germany, Pastor Fleishmann, who had arranged for a three days Convention for our German friends in Berlin. These Convention days proved a season of much refreshing to all concerned, and considerable help for the work of the Society.

In Poland, the Warsaw office, as well as the Orphanage were visited, and the splendid Mission station Pruzhany, where our worthy friend, Missionary Joseph Pukhofsky is labouring. Great Meetings greeted the visitors, and strong messages were given by the visiting Brethren. Many had come a long way, among them a number of our Missionaries, who enjoyed fellowship with the Elder Brethren.

A great welcome awaited Messrs. Miles and Phillips at Riga. They were met by a good crowd of workers and friends at the Railway Station, who escorted them to the Mission House at the Salvation Temple, willing hands carrying their suit cases and bags.

Several days were spent both in visiting the Missionary outposts in Latgalia, where Mr. Miles, for the first time in his life, was able to see with his own eyes the so called "Gates of Paradise", and to look right into the Russian territory. May the day soon come when our Friend will be able to go further than that, and personally go into Russia with the message of the Cross.

Both Brethren spoke in a number of Meetings, and their messages were very helpful and appreciated. Sinners were converted, and Saints were strengthened in the faith.

Mr. Phillips is always a welcome guest, nay more, a host at the Riga Mission, and whenever he comes, the Lord sends rays of sunshine exceedingly golden around him. At this time especially the Missionary Treasury was practically empty, and the dear Workers were looking with anxious eyes towards the approaching Christmas. The Missionaries knew there would not be enough to pay even for their past October salaries, to say nothing of November. The matter was discussed at the Council Meeting, when Mr. Phillips, in his usual unassuming way, and of his own accord at the end of the Meeting, passed on a cheque for £100. to the Missionary Treasurer.

That was several days before Christmas, and the October salaries were paid, and sent to other Workers as well in Soviet Russia, etc. Meanwhile, Christmas was approaching, just a day or two left, when business was to be suspended, and all expecting to have something of Christmas cheer. The October salaries had been just enough to pay outstanding obligations, and the gifts for Christmas from the envelopes, which had been sent out with the December number of "The Friend of Missions", had not been received, as they would reach our Offices in London, Sydney, and Toronto, only after Christmas. Again the Workers came together at the Riga office. The situation was surveyed as we allegorically looked into the empty barrel and the barren cruse. Then our new General Secretary, Brother Miles, in his genial way suggested that we bring the matter before The Lord and leave it with Him.

This was done, and hearts were relieved in confidence that the God to whom we prayed, is also a loving heavenly Father, Who has promised "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee". We did not know how or where the help was to come. The next morning, Pastor Fetler, who was suffering from a severe cold, was asked by Mr. Phillips to come to the telephone. As he could not do so on account of his indisposition, Mrs. Fetler answered the call, and was informed that Mr. Phillips had been led of the Lord to give another cheque for £150. towards the support of the Missionaries and Workers. This was too good to be believed, and yet it was true. This is the way our dear Treasurer-in-Chief has acted again and again. How we wish that there would be more of such God's noblemen on this earth, to whom the Lord has entrusted somewhat of this world's goods, always watching, always ready to stretch out a helping hand where the need is greatest!

The messages of the Rev. F. J. Miles were bright, lively and stimulating. While Mr. Phillips' messages were running like quiet lovely brooks, amidst river banks covered with white lilies and forget-me-nots, Mr. Miles words rushed forth like a torrent, breaking everything before them. Thus many souls responded, and angels were enabled to sing a good many songs of rejoicing about sinners finding their way home.

The climax came at the Watchnight Service, when for 3 hours the Temple was crowded with hundreds of men and women worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth, and when a large number of men and women, and among them a little lad of 12, all clothed in white garments, testified of saving grace in Believers' Baptism at the hands of the Rev. F. J. Miles.

The Christmas season, and the days of this spiritual feast are gone, but the blessings experienced and the good work accomplished, linger in our memories, and help us to look hopeful towards new opportunities to serve our divine Master.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER ENVELOPES.

Our Special Christmas Dinner Envelopes were enclosed in the last issue of our Magazine, and we trust that our Readers received them safely. We are thankful to God, and to those of our Friends, who have availed themselves of this opportunity to send us special Christmas cheer for the Missionaries and Workers on the Field. We hope that all other Friends, who for some reason may have been detained from attending to this matter, will also be enabled to forward the Christmas envelopes, or the gifts received for this purpose during Christmas to: —

**Great Britain & Ireland,**
The Russian Missionary Society,
43, Newington Butts,
London, S. E. 11.

**U.S.A. and Canada,**
Russian Faith Mission,
721, North Stanley Avenue,
Los Angeles,
Calif:

**Australia & New Zealand,**
The Russian Missionary Society,
4, Albert Avenue,
Chatswood,
Sydney, N.S.W.

## THE ENEMY'S ATTACK ON GOSPEL IN RUSSIA.

Those who have followed the Revival Movement in Russia for the last 25 years know with what difficulties pioneers of the Gospel had to battle in order to make headway. But as the messengers of the Cross of Christ went on, obstacles and oppositions broke down one by one, until from an handful of believers their numbers grew to many thousands. Imprisonments and Siberian banishments by the score could not stop this work of grace. The converts in the War Prison Camps of the Russian Soldiers in Germany and Austria brought home with them fresh oil for the revival fires, and the great Russian Empire speedily began to be evangelised. The Communist and Bolshevik propaganda originated in Hell, and endeavoured to put a new stop to the progress of saving faith among Russia's millions. At the beginning of the Bolshevik rule, their chief attention was directed against the former State Church, and the Evangelical Believers, who had suffered under the Tsar, were practically left at peace. The Churches had quiet and were prospering for several years, up to 1928. Then Mr. Lunacharsky, the Minister of Education of the Bolshevik government discovered from carefully compiled statistics, that the Evangelical Believers had made such rapid strides during the Bolshevik regime, as never before, outdoing by far the increase of membership of the Communist Party. The realisation of this fact made "the powers that be" in Russia not only sit up and take notice, but to sound the alarm for a concerted attack upon the Gospel work throughout the domains of the Soviets.

Naturally the enemy of Christ was back of this attack; he had worked out a carefully prepared plan how to practically with one stroke put an end to the Gospel movement in Russia. The enemy's strategy provided, as it now appears, for a twofold attack, the one through the Bolsheviks in Russia, and the other through "Bolsheviks" in America parading under the guise of "Christian" Ministers.

One might understand the Bolsheviks doing this wicked work in Russia, but, strange as it seems, the instruments which the enemy has this time used in America are professing "Gospel" preachers. Yet, their methods have been so much like those of the Communists that little doubt is left as to the common origin of their attacks.

The Enemy well knew that he would not be able to stop the Gospel movement in Russia, if our Preachers and Missionaries were re-informed through Christian friends **outside** of Russia. Still further, the Enemy realised what a great danger to his present policy in Russia is t h e m i g h t y m o v e m e n t o f p r a y e r on behalf of Russia, which for years has been generated on both sides of the Atlantic, chiefly through the efforts and publications of Pastor William Fetler, and the Missionary Society, which he organised for the evangelisation of Russia. The Enemy is an experienced military strategist, and he knew, as well as any other clever General, that the hostile army on the front is bound to break down, if the H o m e B a s e is weakened and destroyed.

Diotrephes no doubt was thinking that he was defending the Church against the "tyrranical" supervision of its probable Founder, the Apostle John (3 John verse 9). But sacred history has given the real explanation of Diotrephes' actions by informing posterity that he was loving "to have the pre-eminence among them", and on that account he opposed the Apostle John, and thereby Deotrephes himself became the real tyrant of the Church.

There were some other men in olden days, who thought of doing service to God by putting to death servants of God; but there is no sincere Christian to-day who does not know that these men were tools, but not in the pierced hands of the crucified Lord.

All this the Enemy had carefully studied, and found an exceedingly fitting instrument in the person of a cowardly, egotistic, and faithless Canadian Baptist Preacher, E. E. Shields. By his falsehoods, and gross exaggerations, he succeeded in persuading two other weak minded and vacillating preachers, by the name of Charles F. Fredman, and Charles F. Fields, and thus these three became an evil combination for destroying confidence in Russian Mission, and stifling prayer interest for Russia. That they have admirably succeeded in certain quarters, and thereby have helped the Enemy of Jesus Christ to accomplish His aim, cannot be disputed. Like the Bolsheviks in Russia, these three men have taken possession of the Mission property in Chicago, for which they did not work, and which they had not bought, but which had been procured through the efforts of Pastor Fetler. They are continuing to use the name of the Russian Missionary Society to which they have no right, since they have been disowned by the Headquarters and International Council of the Russian Missionary Society as Usurpers and Faithless. But as the Bolsheviks in Russia, so these men have refused to be guided either by the Spirit of Christ, or by the Word of God. Christ has been crucified afresh, and His words have been trampled into the dust. The cause of Missions has suffered a great set-back, and the large amount of Mission funds which these men have wasted on an illegitimate propaganda of slander, is a crime that cries up to God.

But, as it always has been, the Enemy has never had altogether his own way. Even Gethsemene and Calvary, the Enemy's masterpieces, had their counterpart in the still greater masterpiece of absolute submission to the Father's will, and in the Easter Morning.

Thus also we are confident that the cruel Gethsemane of present day Russia, and the crucifixion of Christ's disciples, even by blinded ecclesiastics, will turn, in God's providence, into a mighty triumph of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS FIELD

### A REVIVAL SPIRIT

"Last August the Lord enabled me to preach the Gospel in several places in the district of Pommerellen, which until then was but rarely visited by missionaries. I had very blessed meetings there. People were very eager to hear the Gospel Truth especially in the village Slavichy. Here the meetings often last far beyond midnight. The listeners never seem to be tired, though in the daytime they have to work hard in the fields. The Lord's presence was felt at every meeting; people on their knees were seeking salvation, and then praised the Lord for the gift of eternal life.

Glory, honour, and majesty be to our Heavenly Father!"

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

"During the past month of October the Lord enabled me to visit brother Stephen Fedinich and to be present at the Harvest Festival there. We praised and thanked the Lord for the good harvest and for sending us bread and clothes in abundance. We praise the Lord in a special way that this year even the poorest can obtain bread in our part of the world. We see in this His loving care for us.

Oh, how much we should glorify Him for all His mercies to usward. We also thank Him greatly for the ingathering of souls."

T. B e e c h i k

# "FELLOWSHIP"

A number of sympathetic communications have reached us from Christian Friends in America. We reprint here some excerpts from those letters.

## "SATAN BACK OF MR. SHIELDS' ATTACK"

is the opinion of a spiritually minded Christian. The following letter is such a clear exposition of the whole of Mr. Shields' attack that we feel that we must give publicity to it for the sake of The Lord's work: —

Huntington Beach,
California.

Pastor Wm. Fetler,
Riga,
Latvia,
Europe.

You will doubtless not remember meeting me, among the many you met when you were in Los Angeles, and in Pasadena, but I have ever since thanked and praised the Lord for permitting me to have the heart-touch with you that I did during those times (you may perhaps remember that we — Mr. & Mrs.. . . . have a chair in the Riga Tabernacle) and for the knowledge otherwise acquired of you as a chosen vessel of the Lord, and of your work for Him, especially **now**, for it prepared me to refuse to believe anything that they could say against your trueness of purpose, or sincerity of heart, no matter how convincing their statements might seem.

I believe it was the most crushing blow that my heart has ever sustained, when those letters came from Mr. E. E. Shields and his associates, for, although of course I could not then explain it, I felt sure that Satan was in some way back of it, and that he was by this means not only attacking you as the Lord's instrument, but was **also wielding a powerful blow against the cause of missions the world over,** for he knew if he could lead people to **believe** that **you,** who had given **every evidence** of being a true servant of the Lord, and a special messenger of His, had proven **false, it** would have the effect of causing very many to lose faith in Missionary work, and would lead them to say, "Whom then can we trust?"

His subtility was further evidenced by leading them to get out that second awful letter, so that it would reach many (as it did **us**) before the arrival of the booklet giving your reply, and the statement by the British Trustees, etc. thus poisoning the minds of the people to such an extent that I fear many of them have been by it prevented from ever reading your splendid reply.

I believe you will be interested to see the carbon copy of a letter I sent to some Hollywood friends, so I will enclose it herewith, and I want to tell you of a sweet experience that the Lord gave me since then.

Early one morning I was praying about this matter, which I so strongly feel to be a Satanic and diabolical travesty against you and your God-given work, and the cause of Missions in general. The Lord has enabled me to say with the Prophet Samuel — or in words having the same thought — "God forbid that I should sin against Thee in ceasing to pray for them."

So my daily prayer list is quite long, but this particular morning I was praying in great agony of soul because of these recent developments, when The Lord's own voice seemed to say to me, in the familiar words of Romans 8. 28. "We know that **all** things work together for **good** to them that love God, to them who are **the called according to His purpose,**" whereupon I said to Him: — "Lord do you really mean that I may **know** that even this awful thing cannot get from under that little word **all,** and that Thou canst so overrule it as to bring blessing to Thy cause and glory to Thy Name?" and immediately came the words: — "Hath He **said,** and shall He not **do** it? Or hath He **spoken,** and shall He not make it good? Numbers 23. 19.

Then, as I was thanking and praising Him for it, He brought to my mind the words of a little poem, which He has often used to bring comfort and strength to my own heart, and to that of others, but **this time** as especially **applied** to you and your work. They are as follows: —

"Jesus my Lord is a wall about me,
Dwelling in Him I can dwell secure,
Nothing can **harm** me, for nought can reach me,
**Save** what **He willeth** that I can endure.

"Jesus my Lord is my shield and buckler,
Unto all evil the way is barred,
Nothing can harm me, for nought can touch me,
Save what He **willeth** shall **cross His guard.**

"Jesus my Lord is my lofty Tower,
Where He hath set me in peace on high,
Nothing can **harm** me for nought can find me,
**Save** what He **willeth** shall **pass Him by.**

Surely this is in keeping with the **never failing promises** of God's Word, and He means us to **stay** our **minds** upon **Him,** and to experience the "peace which passeth all understanding" of which He tells us in Phil: 4 : 6-7. and Isa: 26 : 3. as well as the many other passages which show us how **secure** are those who put their **trust** in Him. So we can say from our hearts, even as applied to this Satanic attack: —

"Henceforth my one desire shall be,
That He who knows me best shall **choose** for me,
And so **whate'er** His love sees good to send,
I'll trust its best, because **He knows the end.**

But while He says, "Be careful for nothing" (in nothing be **anxious**) He also says, "In everything by prayer and **supplication,** with thanksgiving, let your **requests** be made known unto God." So I feel that it is right that we should pray that eyes that are being blinded by misrepresentations, may be opened to the truth.

It is certainly hard to realize how any who have seemed to be sincere servants of the Lord, can so get under and

yield to the power of the evil one. I could hardly believe my senses when I saw that one of the "Boards" to which their letter referred, was your first Board who refused to subscribe to the Fundamentals, and that they were seeking to lead people all over the world to believe that the cause of your separation from them was due to something wrong with you, when they **knew** the **truth** of the matter so well as was so **beautifully** brought out in your address at the Annual Meeting of the Baptist Bible Union at Milwaukee, and which was published in that little pink covered booklet (which I have given to so many people to read. often writing across the top of the cover the following words: — "A careful, prayerful reading of this little book will bring blessing to the heart of any true child of God") and which they themselves had endorsed for so long.

The Devil seems to be redoubling his efforts because he knows his time is short, but we, and the work we love so well, are on the side of the more powerful One.

Last week when I was studying and committing to memory the 5th Psalm, it seemed to me that so much of it was applicable to this case. You will readily recognize the parts of it that I feel may justly be applied to you, who have so abundantly proven to be one who has put his trust in the Lord, and I feel that it is not judging unrighteously to believe, or at least to fear, that much of the rest of that 5th Psalm applies to those who so unmistakeably are yielding themselves to the father of 'leasing' (lies — falsehood — as the revised version has it.) in verse 6.

We were indeed **thankful** to receive your reply, and that of the others in the booklet that was sent out, for, before that, all we who **know** your heart could say was, that we felt **sure** that you were not guilty of any intentional wrong. It was surely **necessary** to get out the booklet, for silence would have been interpreted by many as consent to the charges made, and then too it was due to your true friends to know the facts. But I also realize how very reluctantly you incurred the expense of it, when we all of us so **long** to have every cent possible go to the direct spreading of the Gospel. Am hoping that a goodly number, who are able to give largely to **both,** have been sending in a sufficient amount to meet that expense, so that the little I can send in may be used for the Mission work, which you also so long to advance.

A dear old lady here (a member of my Bible Class, but who is suffering from a peculiar trouble in her limbs, so that she can hardly walk, even with much help, for whom I have sent money before for your work,) sent in the other day $5.00 for me to use wherever I felt it was the most needed. I immediately felt that it should go to your Mission work, and so wrote her, when thanking her for sending it. The amount we are sending, **wish** it was **many** times more, and so, are trusting the Lord to multiply it. You may use wherever you feel it will accomplish most for the Lord.

Yours in Him, (Signed) Mrs. . . .

### FROM A CHRISTIAN FRIEND IN MICHIGAN.

This may explain Mr. Shields' tyrranical attitude towards Pastor Fetler: —

"Enclosed please find a little gift for Brother Fetler's work, to use in the Forward Movement. Would add a word, our little group of prayer warriors here are so glad to hear from our dear Brother Fetler. So sorry for all the sorrow and ...rtache the Chicago Committee have caused him. He ... has our prayers and sympathy; but if we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. We shall pray for the work, and may God continue to bless the work, as He has in the past. We have a wonderful God, able to do abundantly. Praise His Name this offering comes from a group of children who come to my home Sunday nights for a Bible Study hour." (Signed) H. J. H.

### FROM A CHRISTIAN FRIEND IN PENNSYLVANIA.

"Enclosed please find check for $10.00. Kindly acknowledge receipt of same. Quite some time ago, I received printed matter from Mr. Shields of Chicago. I did not take the trouble to read it. Simply wrote him to cross my name from his mailing list." (Signed) E. F. W.

## "FELLOWSHIP".

A Lady from Pennsylvania has sent a very generous gift of $300.00 with the following note: —

"To The Russian Faith Mission, In earnest desire to have further fellowship with the work carried on by Pastor William Fetler and other Missionaries on the Russian and Eastern European Mission Fields, I hereby ask you to continue sending me your Magazine "THE FRIEND OF MISSIONS", (edited by Pastor William Fetler and Dr. A. McCaig, Principal Emeritus of Spurgeon's College), for the year 1931." (Signed) Mrs. —)

### FROM THE MISSIONARY SECRETARY OF A BAPTIST CHURCH IN QUEBEC.

"Enclosed you will find cheque for $21.09 a donation from this Church, and we are glad to say that we have placed the name of the Russian Faith Mission on the list of those we have been led to support. As you know we had ceased our contributions, and this was due to the fact that some of our Members were afraid that funds would be used in legislation, costs, etc. I have made personal appeals based on the reassuring news contained in the last two numbers of "The Friend of Missions" with the happy result. To myself the news is wonderful, and I am glad to be serving a Master Who has co-servants so faithful and loyal under much difficulties, and I am asking one of our Deacons if he will undertake to study the work of the Faith Mission, and keep our Missionary Prayer Meeting posted up-to-date with all that is taking place. May everything that is done receive God's richest blessing is the prayer of our people." (Signed) R. H. S.

### FROM THE MISSIONARY TREASURER OF A BAPTIST CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA.

"I am enclosing a cheque for the Russian Faith Mission for $50.00 from the Missionary Treasury of our Church to be used according to the greatest needs of the field, with our prayers." (Signed) A. D. J.

### CONTRIBUTORS DEMANDING THE RETURN OF THEIR MONEY FROM MR. SHIELDS.

Our Contributors are beginning to find out that Mr. Shields is using Missionary Funds for his slanderous literature, postage, etc. and thus misusing the trust of the Donors. We print as a sample the following letter from a Christian friend in Ontario: —

"Rev. E. E. Shields, Chicago. Dear Sir, Please return the thirty dollars I sent you in Oct. 1929, also the ten dollars you received from me in Dec. I have every confidence in Pastor Fetler and would like to send that money to Russia." (Signed) K. E.

**CHURCHES IN CANADA AND U.S.A. COMING TO THE SUPPORT OF PASTOR FETLER AND HIS WORK.**

We are glad to see that Churches are realising the terrible waste of Missionary Funds by Mr. Shields, the dismissed Treasurer of the Russian Missionary Society. These churches desire to do real mission work, and one after another are writing to Pastor Fetler, and the Russian Faith Mission sending money and expressing confidence in the work. We print several excerpts from letters received. A Baptist Church in Toronto has undertaken to support through Pastor Fetler's organisation, a Missionary and his Wife in Soviet Russia at $60.00 a month, which will be a great help to them at this time of persecution in the land of the Soviets.

We hope and pray that many Churches will follow this example, and will take up the support of individual Missionaries. It may be stated in round terms that the support of a Missionary couple on the Mission Field is between 40 and 60 dollars a month, and support of a single worker about 30 dollars a month.

**FROM A CHRISTIAN FRIEND IN PASADENA.**

"I am very sorry for the trouble that has come, and it is no doubt an attack of Satan, a sign of the times, and a means of hindering the work of God in Russia. We are praying God to overrule for good; also sending you enclosed gift of $1.00. trusting God to help you." (Signed) G. T.

**FROM THE TREASURER OF A BIBLE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH IN MASSACHUSETTS.**

"Enclosed please find our check for $10.00. to go toward Pastor Wm. Fetler's work wherever it is most needed. We sympathize with Mr. Fetler, and only wish we were able to help him more." (Signed) E. W. C.

**FROM A DANISH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ILLINOIS.**

"Find enclosed our dollar for Fetler's Mission Work in Russia. I am somewhat tricked up by the existing confusion since the split, but I believe in Bro. Fetler, and desire to continue to support him. So please if this office is not representing his work, return it that I may forward it to him." (Signed) A. H.

**FROM A FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.**

"Please accept check of $15. which was voted you by our Church to be used in your work." (Signed) E. T.

**FROM A COMMODORE OF THE U.S. NAVY.**

"For some time I have had the Russian Mission down for five dollars in my March budget, but last March after reading certain papers sent out by Shields I sent the money to him. But lately I have concluded that one giving his life to work on the field, whether he may have made mistakes or not, is more competent to use money for that Mission than one occupying an easy (or uneasy) chair in an office at home. I am therefore repeating that five dollar contribution by sending it to you for such use as Pastor may make of it in supporting Missionaries in the field, as I have been quite interested in the good work he has evidently been doing over there." (Signed) W. C. E.

**FROM A UNION CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA.**

"We received your statement of defense covering the charges laid against you by your former American associates. We brought this matter to the attention of our Board of Deacons and our reply to you is in the form of the enclosed New York draft for $10.00. We have confidence in you and your work and trust that God will abundantly bless your labours in needy Russia. We will be pleased to hear of your work and of the blessing of God upon it." (Signed) R. L. L.

**AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE RUSSIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND OF THE RUSSIAN FAITH MISSION.**

We deeply regret that there should be any necessity for issuing this short statement. We desire to live in peace with all, and to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to Christ's service for the extension of His Kingdom. We sincerely trust that we shall not feel compelled to refer to this matter again: But an opponent has issued two four page pamphlets, and an 80-page book, in which the most serious charges are made against our Society, and grave imputations are directed against the honour and veracity of our General Director, and his more immediate Associates. This book, though published in America, has been so widely circulated, that we have learned of copies being received by Ministers of the Gospel throughout the British Isles, and by all kinds of Christian Leaders, Teachers, and Workers, who have not, and never have had, the slightest connection with this Society.

We are not so concerned about ourselves, as we are for the work to which God has commissioned us, and which the Writer definitely, determinedly, and avowedly seeks to damage. We fear lest we should seem to allow the accusations and misrepresentations to stand by default.

We can neither afford time, nor use Missionary Funds to deal with a campaign of calumny: But we do emphatically protest against the action of the Writer, Mr. E. E. Shields, affirm before God that the contents of these halucinations are twisted and contorted out of all resemblance to the truth, and we ask our Christian friends to communicate with us direct if they are still in any doubt.

We shall do all we can to clear away any misapprehensions that may remain. Such enquiries should be directed to the General Secretary of the Russian Missionary Society:

Rev. F. J. Miles, D.S.O., O.B.E.,
43, Newington Butts,
London, S. E. 11.
England.

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## Mr. Shields' Tons of Literature of Slander.

**Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 7, 1931.**

"Although very slow with my contribution and response I want to say that all my sympathy and support is and has been with Pastor Fetler in this season of persecution by the Shields' element. Too many times have I seen **a man of his type ride into prominence on the worth of another such as Pastor Fetler and then presume to gain control if possible**. It is one of the Devil's ways of working in these last days. It is a very common coup d'etat, but it can never prosper though it may cause pain and heartache. But God is still on the throne and He will remember His own. I have heard so much about that ton of literature, as though that were a grave matter, **but how about all the "tons" used to run down the work of God — ? Why don't he start something of his own** and leave Pastor Fetler alone? Because he needs the notoriety that his acquaintance with Pastor Fetler affords. Believe me, as ever, a friend in the Gospel. N. B."

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE MRS. A. E. BILLESTER.**

I have commenced the New Year with the words laid on my heart, "If ye love Me, feed My sheep", and have entered another year of service for Christ with a glad heart.

**(Signed) Russian Faith Mission,**
**A. E. Billester**
**Treasurer.**

**Detroit, Michigan. Jan. 19, 1931.**

"Greetings in His dear Name. We are rejoicing with you in the great work you are doing among the Russian Orphans. Our Sunday School Children wish to send the **Russian Orphans** a gift of ten dollars ($10.00) and wish you would forward it to the Orphans. We are praying much and know He is able. May God richly repay and bless those who are labouring in His Vineyard.

**Secretary."**

**From a Pastor in Brazil. Jan. 1, 1931.**

"Much esteemed Brother Fetler: The letter of slander against you, dear Brother Fetler, has also been sent to my address, and also to several other Brethren in Brazil. I have also received your pamphlet of defense. You will be interested to know what I wrote to one of my colleagues in Brazil: (an extract from the copy of my letter) "I know Br. Fetler, esteem and love him. I wish even if I only had a half of his success in the winning of souls. As much as I can judge he is at present the greatest Evangelist of Europe. Pray often for him that God may still further bless him and make him a blessing to thousands. Yours in the love of Jesus, G."

**From the Treasurer of a Baptist Church in Quebec. Jan. 14, 1931**

"Herewith our gift for this quarter, and we have prayed much for blessing upon the work of the Faith Mission, and we hope that you will feel that we are genuine co-workers with you. We have commenced the year here with these words laid upon our hearts: "If ye love Me, feed My sheep," and we feel a new spirit in this Church, and we enter joyously into another year of service for Christ.

And may we hear glad news from Russia, and may God have all the glory. Yours in Christ, R. H."

## "It is a shame for Shields."

**From Climax, Pa. Jan. 8, 1931.**

"Dear Friends in His service. I really think **it is a shame for Shields to do against Brother Fetler,** what he is trying to do. But he cannot persecute one of Christ's children like he is and go free. "For we all must give an account of the deeds done in the body" (our own body) not Fetler's or someone else's. And I think that if we could just for one little moment see ourselves as our Almighty God sees us poor creatures of the dust, would we have anything to boast about? Oh! no, not a thing, It is what Jesus has done, that makes us His, not anything we did.

Brother Fetler is leaving Shields alone; why not him leave Fetler alone? **I think if he would take the money he is using to circulate the propaganda against Fetler,** and his time too, for the lost and dying, he would be better paid. It's God Who judges and not us.

I'll stand for Brother Fetler, and I think he is doing wonderful work. Praying God will supply all His needs and of the other Missionaries. I beg to remain, a sister in His service M."

## LEGACY FOR THE RUSSIAN FAITH MISSION

On February 9th, 1931, a legacy of $200 reached the Headquarters in Riga from the Will of the late Clara Lucy White of Toronto, Canada.

This worthy Christian lady had subscribed originally $25.00 for a "chair" in the Salvation Temple. Since 1926, when she subscribed for the chair, Miss White never lost interest in the work of the Russian Missionary Society, superintended by Pastor Fetler; and when we were forced to change the name of our work in America and continue it under the name of The Russian Faith Mission, Miss White immediately took action, and changed her Will so as to bequeath "The sum of $200 to Pastor Fetler, Salvation Temple, Riga, Latvia, for extension of their work."

It is very touching that this Will of her's was made on the 27th September, 1930, and on the next day 28th September, she passed away to her reward.

We thank God for every rememberance of this dear handmaiden of the Lord, who rests from her labours, and her works do follow her.

"Go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Daniel 12:13.

**A MISSIONARY IN FLORIDA DID NOT BELIEVE A WORD OF E. E. SHIELDS' SCANDALOUS LETTERS**

**Florida, Jan. 18, 1931.**

"It gives me pleasure to write and tell you that in spite of the scandalous letters about you received years ago from the "Russian Missionary Society" (so **called**) I never believed **a word of it**, and have always thought your actions were thoroughly misconstrued and misunderstood. I never approved of the malicious way your character was attacked, and cannot respect such actions. I long have wanted to write you this, but as a very busy missionary myself, never could seem to find the necessary extra time However on going through my trunk lately, I came across one of Mr. E. E. Shields' letters, re-read it, and determined to write you, to express my unchanged confidence in you, and remind you, how our Lord says: **"With persecutions."** But it makes for "An exceeding **weight of glory"**, which ought to comfort and console God's children for all the bitter suffering they are going through to-day. I **know**, for I am not exempt myself. Let me know if you have a paper, or any means of keeping touch with your work. Yours in His blessed service. M. G."

**THE DEVIL WAS SWADDLED IN THE BANDS OF SHIELDS' TRANSACTION, SAYS AN EVANGELIST OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**North Carolina, Jan. 19, 1931.**

"I enclose $1 00 for renewed subscription to "The Friend of Missions". My interest in Russian Missions, from the time I heard Pastor Fetler speak in the Chicago Y. M. C. A. has continued unabated. Starting with the support of one missionary, I increased to 2, and even planned to take 7, when the Lord Who overrules all, stopped it. In Mueller's famous phrase, "the stops" as well as "the steps" of God's children, are God ordered.

Being zealous I confided some of my plans to co-working pastors. Naturally when they heard of the Shields fiasco, it rendered my work very difficult. If ever the devil was in anything, he was swaddled fully in the bands-

of that transaction. People who suffer deprivation, who even work with their hands to give the Gospel free, must be assured that the cause is cleansed of all Diotrephesan figures. .3 John. 9. I am as fully persuaded of Pastor Fetler's integrity and nobility, **now as at first,** and nothing could make me think otherwise. I hope soon to renew my unworthy, and by no means considerable help of the Society.

I will be in daily prayer that Pastor Fetler's convocation of Latvian dignitaries shall cause an awakening and holy agitation throughout all that land. Reading anew the chronicles of that slow martyrdom of a people, I know not which is greater, the pathos, or the sublimity. I ask your prayers for my evangelistic labours, and that I may be the means of sending relief to many in this time of unprecedented trial and shortage.

With every good wish, and reciprocating prayers in this troublous but triumphant age. Fraternally, M. R."

### FROM A CHRISTIAN LEADER IN AUSTRALIA.

In spite of the principal Representatives of the Russian Missionary Society in Australia having informed Mr. Shields that they did not want to be bothered with his slanderous literature, Mr. Shields has continued his ungentlemanly attitude, burdening people with literature which they do not want, as can be seen from the following excerpt of a letter received from one of the R. M. S. leading men in Australia. This shows how reasonable men are impressed with Mr. Shields' attitude: —

"Last week I received from America a copy of the "Gospel Witness" in which Dr. Shields makes another attack upon Pastor Fetler, and says the American Trustees are issuing another publication. I was hoping we had finished with this business. I am grieved that money should be spent in slander. When I was quite a lad I remember my Father saying any man given sufficient rope would eventually hang himself!" (Signed) A. L. L.

### FROM THE TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES OF A CHICAGO CHURCH.

**Chicago, Jan. 12, 1931.**

"Pursuant to your invitation in November, 1930, "The Friend of Missions" I am more than pleased to receive each issue of the paper, and trust you will not discontinue sending. The information therein forms basis for regular, and I trust, effectual prayer. Have had the privilege of hearing Pastor Fetler in our Church, and count it a privilege to hold him up at the Throne of Grace.

*Yours in Christ, G. L.*"

### Mr. SHIELDS' BOOK OF SLANDER THROWN INTO THE FIRE.

**Atascadero, Cal. Dec. 27, 1930.**

"Dear Pastor Fetler: Indeed I do wish "The Friend of Missions" to continue coming to me. I've taken it too many years now to discontinue it. Why, I'd feel lost, if that precious little paper were to cease coming to give me news from the Field! I pray every day for you all and the work

Of course I too received Mr. Shields' literature. When that bulky package came, I was so astounded at his temerity in sending out such an immense letter, and so indignant (for I suspected he had used the Lord's money for it) that **I threw it in the fire** without even taking off the wrappings. I intend writing to Mr. Shields to remind him of 1. Chron.: 16: 22.

God bless you all and the work abundantly through the coming years. In His Name, G."

### Mr. SHIELDS' BOOK OF SLANDER SENT RIGHT BACK TO CHICAGO

**Milwaukee, Wisc. Jan. 7, 1931.**

"Dear Brother in Christ: I got that book from Mr. Shields but did not read it, sent it right back to Chicago I know that there was something wrong behind everything, I always love to read "The Friend of Missions", and would not like to be without. My Husband and I had the paper many years before he died, and he passed away 7 years ago. May God bless you in your good work. My Prayers are with you. *Yours sister in Christ A.*"

### FROM A PASTOR IN MASSACHUSETTS.

December 18th, 1930.

"Russian Faith Mission. Enclosed please find check for $20.00, a gift of my Church for Pastor Wm. Fetler's work in Russia. My Church takes a great interest in the work for Russia and we help to support other Russian missionary work. Please send me "The Friend of Missions", and deduct the subscription price from this sum. I want to know of Pastor Wm. Fetler's work so that I can inform my people.

Wishing you a most happy Christmas and a very blessed New Year. R. R. L."

### OUR GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

We have received a letter from our German Secretary, Mrs. Rosy Fink-Schulz, that "German Department is doing fine, thank God." Gifts also continue to reach us directly from our German friends in U. S. A. & Canada, and we praise God for it all.

### FROM MICHIGAN.

"On receipt of the last edition of Mr. Shields, I wrote him to please take my name off his mailing list; also that I knew Mr. Fetler and believed in him and his work before he was connected with it, and still believed in him, and if he would have taken the money "he used in such a large edition" and given it to missions, it would have been more to the Glory of God. Surely God has not been glorified with the debating. May God bless you all. Sincerely your Sister in Christ. H. J."

### FROM TOLEDO, OHIO.

December 1st, 1930.

"I have received some of your papers of The Russian Faith Mission, and have heard how marvellous God is working there. Oh! how I praise and thank Him for it. We are praying for that work too. I will enclose small draft to you. You can take one dollar out of it, and the rest can be used for whatever you think best. Love to you. G. H."

### "THE HIRELING"

Conde,

December 18th, 1930.

"Dear Brother in Christ, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in Heaven, for so persecuted they the Prophets that were before you." Matthew 5 : 10. 11. 12. Dear Brother, you have my heartfelt sympathy and prayer in your conflict with the power of Satan and his host under Heaven and on earth. The hireling that doesn't care for the sheep, but for their wool, have comparatively easy sailing, but their day of reckoning will come, when Jesus calls them to account. I am glad to read your paper. May God's presence and power fill your soul daily, and God's Word and God's Spirit guide you in all your planning for the extension of God's Kingdom on earth. S. C. A."

## "THAT STUFF FROM CHICAGO"

**TORONTO, CANADA**
**January 6th 1931.**

"I am sorry I neglected writing to you before this, but I just want to tell you here is another family who still believe in you. When that stuff came from Chicago about you (which we did not swallow) my Husband of course asked advice from Mr. . . . as we knew if he still believed in you we would be safe in doing same. May God give you a double portion of Grace and strength to bear all this persecution. We know you are innocent of these charges and that is enough for us.

Your in His Name, Mrs. C."

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR OUR FRIENDS

### I. DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Russian Faith Mission stands for the Bible in its entirely, believing in the full inspiration of both the Old and New Testaments, and is willing, if need be, to separate from any who deny its full inspiration, reliability and authority.

We proclaim the Gospel of the Grace of God and believe in the new birth; in total separation from the worldly spirit of the age; in the Trinity of the Godhead; in the Virgin Birth and Deity of Jesus Christ, His atoning Sacrifice through the Blood of the Cross; His bodily Resurrection and Personal Return; in the Eternal Life of the saved and the Eternal Punishment of the lost.

### II. POLICY

Our finances are placed on Faith Basis. For all our needs "We trust in the Living God." — 1 Tim. iv. 10. All of our workers have agreed to this basis. The available funds are distributed among the evangelists and workers according to their necessity. All funds take proportionate care of the Home Expenses. Going into debt is considered inconsistent with the principles of the Society.

### III. MISSIONARY SUPPORT

About $60.00 (£12.0.0) monthly. is needed on the average for a married missionary and about $30.00 (£6.0.0) for a single missionary, not including travelling and other expenses. It is good for churches or individuals who are able to have a missionary of their own, or a "missionary substitute," and pastors, as well as individual friends are invited to correspond about their own missionary whom they can support, and whose work they can follow with prayer.

### IV To ensure accuracy, the following is the proper FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE RUSSIAN FAITH MISSION

I give and bequeath to The Russian Faith Mission, (Rev. William Fetler, Founder) Los Angeles, them sum of . . . . . Dollars, to be used for the purpose of the said Mission, and to be paid by my Executors to the Treasurer of the Mission, whose Receipt shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

### V. ALL ENQUIRIES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND GIFTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED: —

in **Great Britain and Ireland** to The Russian Missionary Society, 43, Newington Butts, London, S. E., in **Australia** and **New Zealand** to The Russian Missionary Society, 4, Albert Avenue, Chatswood, Sydney, New South Wales; and in **America and Canada** to the Russian Faith Mission, 721, N. Stanley Avenue, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

### MR. SHIELDS' PAMPHLET OF SLANDER PUT IN THE WASTE BASKET.

A Christian friend of Hermosa Beach, California, writes as follows: — "I am sending you a portion of that which God has made me a steward, for your personal use or in any way He may direct you. I, too, am a friend of Missions, and ever since I attended a Meeting at the M. E. Church in California, I have been interested in your labours on behalf of Russia. May I offer a word of comfort and cheer to you in the misrepresentation by what I believe is an advisary of Satan? I received a large pamphlet not long ago written by this man S—. I read but very little of it, and then put it in the waste basket. There is no need to comment about it; I consider much of what I did read as vile and untrue. I thank God for such a servant of Him as I believe you are, that has such a burning desire to break the bread of life to poor Russia. May He give you wisdom and strength for each day is my prayer. (Signed) Mr. & Mrs. A. L."

### FROM HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

"Our tenderly cherished Brother in The Lord, This not only to greet you at the time when the birth of our Saviour into human form is being celebrated, and the New Year season observed, but more especially to tell you that I am still praying daily that our all-powerful and all-wise Lord. may overrule the satanic and diabolical travesty which we feel has been perpetuated not only against you and your God-given work, but against the cause of Missions in general. I am, with true Christian love and sympathy Mr. & Mrs. —"

### FROM ONE OF GOD'S SAINTS.

No letter brought us greater cheer in this time of trial than the following from one of the Lord's Saints, whom we esteem highly, and have never ceased to love dearly in The Lord: —

December, 1930.

"My dear Brother Fetler,

I have just received the November No. of your paper, and am enclosing check for $500.00 towards your work. I have been praying God to deliver you out of the hands of your persecutors, and give you His wisdom . . . With all good wishes. Yours in Christ. —"

### FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

December 3rd, 1930. "I have been interested for a number of years in Pastor Fetler's work in Russia and elsewhere . . . Men with such faith in God and His Bible should be supported. Sincerely —"

### FROM A BAPTIST CHURCH, OHIO.

25th November, 1930. "Enclosed you will find $15.00 from . . . Baptist Church for Missionary work in Russia. We hope the people in Russia are being awakened by the Gospel, and many finding Christ." (Signed) - - - Missionary Treasurer.

### FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

"I received Mr. Shields Magazine a few weeks ago, but I returned it without even opening it, as I do not like the spirit he shows, or E. E. Shields either for that matter. I am enclosing a tract they ought to read." (Signed) H. B.

### FROM CALIFORNIA.

"I have received literature relative to the "scrap", but as is commonly said, why should I worry, for I still believe him to be a man of God, and have faith and confidence in his work. Tell him, Pastor Fetler, to carry on, and keep looking up." (Signed) G. A. G.

**FROM MASSACHUSETTS.**

14th December. "Yes, I certainly want to continue "The Friend of Missions". I wrote E. E. Shields, Chicago, several months ago, not to send me any more lies about Pastor Fetler, and if Dr. T. T. Shields does not stop abusing Mr. Fetler, I will stop the "Gospel Witness".

**FROM THE PASTOR OF A 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH IN ILLINOIS.**

Chicago, 17th November, 1930. "I am sending you - - - dollars from down in the loop here, and so want to get this money on its way as soon as possible, and will send more soon. May God bless Brother Fetler and his great work. I believe him in spite of all the foolish and weak slander, and cannot understand how "Christian" leaders can stoop to so low a level of sordid conduct, but let Brother Fetler be undismayed. Jesus suffered in like manner." (Signed) Rev.—

**FROM PENNSYLVANIA.**

"I read Shields' voluminous letters against Rev. Fetler, and told them it was a pity there had to be boards of obstinate men who luxuriated at home, while the Missionary tried to do as God led him on the Field. They at home at ease knew nothing at all of the circumstances surrounding the Missionary, yet wanting to dictate what he should do. I believe God has called the Rev. Fetler to a great work, and God is helping him wonderfully." (Signed) S. L. G.

**FROM OHIO.**

"We have received some of your papers of the Russian Faith Mission, and have heard how marvellously God is working there. Oh! how I praise and thank Him for it. We are praying for that work too. We surely are living in terrible times. I will enclose a small draft to you. You can take one dollar out of it, and the rest can be used for whatever you think best." (Signed) G. H.

**FROM IOWA.**

"Enclosed find fifteen dollars ($15) to be used for the work of the Russian Faith Mission. My heart is pained when I read of the awful conditions in Russia, and I long to be of some help, but I can only pray and send my small mite, which God will bless to some good I am sure. May God abundantly bless the work of this Society." (Signed) H. S. C.

**FROM TORONTO.**

"I am enclosing a cheque for Pastor Fetler's Defense Fund. This does not cover my keen interest in the present controversy, but as a mark of respect to the Christian attitude of Mr. Fetler, who has proven himself a true sport (if I may use this popular expression) The earmark of a Christian Gentleman, this the highest tribute that can be paid to man." (Signed) H. H. S.

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### PRAYER FOR HEALING

"Last month I was not able to work much for the Lord, because I had a serious kidney trouble. One day I got up from my bed in order to take a meeting in the neighbouring village, but I had to lie down again because of the unbearable pain. Thanks to God's grace and mercy I am feeling a little better now.

I would ask the prayers of my brothers and sisters in Christ for my recovery." S. Potz

### PERSECUTED FOR CHRIST

"In the village Henrikoff there are many Jews and Roman-Catholics who are eager to hear the Truth. I held several evangelistic meetings in the villages Henrikoff, Stary, Mariankoff and Rokoff. Though the attendance was small yet the meetings were greatly blessed by the Lord.

I found that the young people were very eager to receive God's Word, but their parents often oppose them, prohibiting them to attend religious meetings. One of the converts, who was baptized last Spring, is put out of her family by her parents, so that now she has to stay with us.

Please remember in your prayers this persecuted sister in Christ as well as her father and mother, that the Lord may soften their hearts." A. Hildebrandt

### DEDICATION OF A HALL

"On the 19th of this month there was the Dedication of a Hall in the village Reichevo for the service of God. A big crowd of people gathered together on this occasion. Brother Getze delivered a farewell thanksgiving message in the Old Hall at brother Kerters. Then accompanied by the orchestra, we moved to the new building, which is erected on a nice sunny spot. The Hall was packed to overflowing, so that a great many had to stand outside. Our meetings continued the next day. Towards the end of the Festival I performed a wedding ceremony for a young Christian, whose parents gave her up because of following the Lord. But she has put all her trust in Him, and He will not leave her comfortless.

We held a series of meetings in the villages Goshevnitsy, Miroshy and especially in Stivy. Notwithstanding the bad weather and other unfavourable circumstances the meetings were crowded out with people, and the Spirit of God was at work." A. Hildebrandt

### FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS

"The Lord continued to bestow His blessings upon us during the month of October. I visited several country places and had a happy time with the believers. One day, together with brother Schmidtke we went to visit a family. There were so many people gathered round us out of curiosity, that we took the opportunity of preaching the Gospel to them; and it proved to be a blessed time. The monthly meeting at Yahimowo was blessed by the Lord. His Holy Spirit was present, and ardent prayers were lifted up to the Throne of Grace. May the Lord bless our service for Him in this place." W. Ostermann

"We had very blessed meetings last month, especially in the district of Helaner. In the village Sitchovo the Word of God was delivered with great power of the Holy Spirit." W. Ostermann

### VISITING COMMUNITIES OF BELIEVERS

"With God's help I was able to visit the Russian Communities in the district of Volyn. Together with several other brethren we went from village to village till we arrived in the town Lutsk. Here we held a meeting, at which brother Goltz was giving the message in German, brother Sitach in Russian, brother Tuchek and myself in Polish. Our second meeting was held in the next village. Though there were not many in the meeting, the power of God was greatly manifested. Believers were rebuked in their weaknesses, unbelievers were stirred in their hearts to lead a new life, so that after the meeting, we had a long season of prayer. It is necessary to visit these Communities oftener for their spiritual edification." S. Potz

# The Unrighteousness of Dr. T. T. Shields

Dr. T. T. Shields, Pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, has found it necessary to attack Pastor Fetler in his paper "The Gospel Witness". In defence we are compelled to reply, much as we regret dealing with this matter in our Missionary Magazine; but if we say nothing in reply, the Baptist Ministers and other Friends in Canada and U. S. A. may think that Dr. Shields is right in his attitude, which he is not.

Nobody had stood more loyally by Mr. Shields on account of his stand for Fundamentalism than Pastor William Fetler. Yet Dr. Shields has deemed it necessary to mix into controversy which is by no means yet settled. It has been the more unwise for Dr. Shields to do so, since he has one-sidedly taken sides with his own Brother, E. E. Shields, who was dismissed from the service of the R. M. S. on account of his withholding missionary moneys from the Missionaries on the field.

Dr. T. T. Shields had expressed himself at some time in most scornful terms about his Brother to Pastor Fetler, and once or twice in the presence of witnesses, and yet he has now taken an attitude in the controversy which is both unfair and unjust.

This is not the first time that Dr. Shields has jumped to hasty conclusions without hearing both sides. By this time of his life, he should at least have learned the lesson of reserving his judgment, whatever the case may be, until both sides are heard. This he has failed to do.

It was Dr. T. T. Shields who recommended to Pastor Fetler to engage his Brother, then a Pastor of a small Provincial Baptist Church in Canada. Pastor Fetler has never ceased to regret that he took Dr. Shields' advice, and engaged one of the most unfit men for the post of Missionary Leader who had come across his way.

It was E. E. Shields, who from the very beginning demanded a salary of $250.00 a month, or $3,000.00 per annum, a larger stipend than he had ever received before, and that, just for the upkeep of two persons, himself and one daughter.

It is not to be wondered at, that he has used every possible device to continue to manage the funds of the Society so as to retain his position and income.

Then there is his highly paid office staff, all of which is eating up unnecessarily missionary money, while not doing missionary work, but doing great damage not only to the work among Russians, but hurting other faith missions besides.

When E. E. Shields was over in England, the British Trustees sent to Dr. T. T. Shields a detailed report about the proceedings, in which they asked for an impartial Board of Enquiry. The President of the British Trustees, Rev. E. A. Carter, wrote an official letter to Dr. T. T. Shields. Pastor Fetler wrote also personally, appealing to Dr. Shields to have the matter investigated by a body of Christian Leaders. To all these letters of the British Board and of Pastor Fetler, **Dr. T. T. Shields has not been gentleman enough even to reply.** He has blindly stood by the interests of his own Brother.

Only a few months before that, Pastor Fetler was travelling with Dr. T. T. Shields from Toronto to Chicago, and on the train Pastor Fetler plainly told Dr. Shields that he extremely regretted that he ever took Dr. Shields' recommendation, and had employed his Brother, E. E. Shields, in the Russian Missionary Society. Then Dr. T. T. Shields, speaking of the character of E. E. Shields, sarcastically said: "My Brother is **never wrong.** Other people come to me for counsel and advice, but not "E. E." When he comes to Toronto, he never comes to see me . . ."

The meaning of these words is plain to reveal the true character of E. E. Shields, for who could know him better than his own Brother!

That the above are virtually the exact words Dr. T. T. Shields said, he, if he desires to be truthful, on no account will be able to deny: and on fair cross examination, he will be compelled to admit a few more things.

Dr. Shields then made statements in his "Gospel Witness" about Mr. Billester, which were immediately contradicted on behalf of Mr. Billester by his Wife, Mrs. A. E. Billester, but Dr. Shields has not been man enough to do what any worldly Editor would have done, to publish the reply and explanation. That sort of attitude is muzzling everybody else except himself and his kin.

We insist that Dr. Shields had no right to give one-sided publicity in his "Gospel Witness" to controversy, when he had the other side as well, from the concurrent opinion of the majority of the British Trustees, and other public men in England, such as Dr. John Wilson, Ex-President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. Alfred Ellis, J. P., a prominent public Lawyer and others. Furthermore we claim that Dr. T. T. Shields had no riglt to advocate the cause of his Brother against that of the whole International Board of the R.M.S. and pronounce judgment before the case has been heard before a proper Court of Enquiry. Moreover, as far as it was possible at that time to go, a preliminary Court of Enquiry had been held, which did not uphold Mr. Shields in his contentions, as is proved by the opinion handed down by the Lawyer, Mr. Alfred Ellis.

Dr. Shields has meddled into a matter in a way that does not do honour either to the name of a Christian, nor a Member of the Baptist Bible Union.

As for his charges against Pastor Fetler's extravagancies, etc. while in Los Angeles, it may be enough just to say that about the same time, Dr. Shields was also in Los Angeles, and that Pastor Fetler spent for the accommodation of 6 or 7 of his Workers not more than **Dr. Shields spent on his person alone** during the same time, living in a first class Los Angeles Hotel. We must remind Dr. Shields that it does not pay to throw stones at someone else, when one himself is living in a glass house. As for Pastor Fetler's financial management of the R.M.S. it can very favourably compare with the simultaneous management by Dr. T. T. Shields of the Des Moines University, in which he invested tens of thousands of dollars of public money, and with what poor and sad results! But during the same time in connection with Pastor Fetler's work multitudes of people have been evangelized and many souls won unto Christ.

We hear that this is Dr. T. T. Shields' habit of mixing into other people's work, as, for instance, recently his uncalled for interference, together with one of his men, in the Evangelistic Meetings of the Rev. Oswald J. Smith. We understand that the majority of the Toronto Press, and Christian public, rightly sized up Dr. Shields and his methods in connection with that affair.

It may be possible, in God's providence, one day for Pastor Fetler personally to go to Toronto, and to face Dr. T. T. Shields, as well as his Brother, before the Christian public, and then let the Public, and not these two men T. T. and E. E. Shields alone, be the judges of what is right, and what is wrong.

# Awful Waste by Mr. E. E. Shields of Missionary Funds

Over two years are gone in which Mr. Shields, the dismissed Official of the Russian Missionary Society, has not given to the public any audited accounting of moneys received and disbursed by him in the Chicago office, which he has usurped against the decision of the Headquarters and International Council,

In an earlier issue we referred to this matter, but feel it necessary to show a little further what it means. In this, his own Brother, Dr. T. T. Shields, has greatly come to our help. In the "Gospel Witness" of October 9th, 1930, T. T. Shields says in an editorial as follows: —

> *"Though not requested to do so, we offer another suggestion, send postage stamps, sufficient at least to pay for the postage and printing of the reply . . . Get the postal order for a dollar and say "Please send me a copy of the Trustees reply to Mr. Fetler's pamphlet. Enclosed find one dollar to cover expenses.*

The Headquarters Council had been long and painfully concerned about Mr. Shields wrongfully not only retaining money given for the Russian Mission Field, but actually and unlawfully spending **it on objectives for which these funds were not contributed.** To this very day Mr. Shields has not accounted to the Headquarters even for specially designated donations for the Riga Tabernacle and other purposes.

Mr. Shields must have spent a small fortune on his slanderous letters, as well as on the untruthful statement of 80 large pages published recently. But of course we were not sure even as to the approximate amount of this expenditure. All that we knew was this; that his letters of calumny against Pastor Fetler had been sent out in thousands upon thousands of copies all over the World. Not satisfied with the subscribers of our work in America, he had sent thousands of copies to England, Australia, South America, France, Germany and other countries. Among others he had sent these publications practically to every Missionary and Charitable Organisation in Great Britain, to Societies and persons who have nothing to do with the Russian Missionary Society.

For this purpose, on Mission Money, he has employed a certain Mr. Thorn in England, who is not doing Russian Missionary work, but spending much time and funds in circulating the people of England with the mischievous literature of Mr. Shields.

There are two questions which should be clearly understood, and which are vital to the solution of this matter with Mr. Shields.

We cannot imagine any right thinking Christian worker in a similar matter of controversy finding as his duty to force upon numerous organizations and persons who have nothing to do with the matter, the private concern of a Missionary Society.

This mania of persecution seems to be an obsession of Mr. Shields.

As stated above, Dr. T. T. Shields, who should be an expert on the cost of printing and postage, suggests to the Readers of "The Gospel Witness" to send to his Brother $1.00 each to cover expenses for the last publication of Mr. E. E. Shields. Thus this $1.00 takes care only of the printing and postage of that last production of 80 pages, and in addition there must be calculated the expense of printing and postage of two preliminary letters of 4 pages each by Mr. Shields. What this means to the funds of the Missionary Society will be understood from a rough estimate, which we will be quite glad to stand corrected.

Our American and Canadian list covers approximately 12000 names, to which must be added the list of the Gospel Witness and Baptist Bible Union, placed at Mr. Shields disposal by Dr. T. T. Shields. Then in addition there is the list of Baptist ministers and others in Great Britain as well as names of Societies and persons, which altogether would be scarcely less than 20.000 names at a Dollar a piece. That will amount to $20.000 or £4.000 just "to cover expenses".

To this must be added the two previous letters, printing and postage, the salaries of Mr. Shields and his staff for many months, as well as extra help.

Just think how much good could have been accomplished with this amount of money on the Mission Field! How many Missionaries engaged and supported, how many Bibles distributed, Gospel Halls rented, Itinerary Travelling Evangelists sent out! All this has been wasted and wasted for ever!

We are glad that many in the U. S. A. and Canada have already noticed this, and the splendid letters, messages and contributions received by us from our many friends is ample answer that people in U. S. A. and Canada are beginning to see this matter. We are very sorry for Mr. Shields and the great harm he has done to missionary work. As for us, in spite of all we have gone through, we rather be in the place of the persecuted than with the persecutors.

Why is Mr. E. E. Shields with his Brother Dr. T. T. Shields, who are so keen on limelight and public opinion, afraid to meet Pastor Fetler in an open Court? Even according to a Bible example and the Word of God "Doth our law judge any man before it hear him" (John 7:51).

Pastor Fetler abides by his challenge, ready to meet both Mr. E. E. Shields, and any others who have anything to say against him; but they must come with proofs, and not imaginations, with facts and not inventions.

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### CONVERTED IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE

"On my way from Germany back to Poland, I went in a train which runs between Berlin and Warsaw. The Lord laid on my heart to occupy a compartment where there was only one lady with a lot of luggage round about her. Passengers passed by this compartment thinking that all the seats in it were occupied. The outward appearance of the lady in the carriage made me think that she was a foreigner coming from a far country. I tried to speak to her in German, but to my great amazement she answered me in Russian, saying that she did not understand German. Great was her joy when she found out that I could speak to her in her mother-tongue. I began to speak to her about God and to testify to her about the way of Salvation. Time was fleeting and the train was moving fast; we were reaching the end of our journey together: 'Indeed, Christ died for your sins' I said to her, 'He has forgiven you your sins.' Then I added, before we separated: 'Let us have a word of prayer together, We prayed and during this prayer the woman with much crying yielded herself to the Lord.

She was a mother who was returning to Poland, leaving her son in Brazil."

A. Shultz

# Trials and Triumphs on the Mission Field

[NOTE: We consider that the tidings from our beloved Missionaries form the most interesting pages of our Magazine and we feel sure that the following messages will be read very gratefully and prayerfully. Let us continually remembers at the Throne of Grace these devoted workers, while we thank God with all our heart for the blessing He has so graciously given. The real names of our missionaries in Soviet Russia are not given for reason of persecution to which they may be subjected. Assumed Bible names are used instead.]

### DISTRIBUTING TRACTS

"Harvest was a very busy time. Yet in spite of it our meetings were well attended. The Lord gave a message from Himself, which strengthened the people spiritually in such a way, that they expressed their desire to spend half a night in prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

In the village of S. there was a Lutheran wedding. Crowds of people came together for this occasion. We took hold of this opportunity in order to preach the Gospel.

Last month was spent by me chiefly in personal talks and distribution of tracts. One day, as I was travelling by train, my attention was drawn to a high railway official. At first I was in great doubt as to whether I should accost him. I thought he looked too dignified, but then another thought flashed through my mind — he has an immortal soul, what about that? So I committed myself to the Lord and approached the gentleman. He thanked me for the tract and read it through carefully. At the next stop he handed the tract back to me. But I said it was a gift. He kept it thanking me profusely for it. Later on I saw him showing this tract to several of his friends who showed interest in its contents.

For all this I thank my Lord." A. Shultz

### ASLEEP IN THE LORD

"On the 28th October the Believers at Pruzhany experienced a great sorrow. One of our fore church-members passed away. This sister served faithfully her Lord from her conversion to the very last moment of her life. The Lord called her to Himself in her youth. There were many people present at her funeral, believers, worldly people and Jews. Tears were seen in the eyes of even outsiders, because the dead was loved and respected by everybody for her quiet humble life. Her life was indeed Christlike. 'Blessed are those who are asleep in the Lord.'"

J. Puhovsky

### SERVING THE LORD

"I was travelling with brother Hildebrandt last month. We spent several days in the village Gorzevichy. We were doing visitation work in the daytime, and holding meetings in the evenings. In spite of the people being busy in the fields, the meetings were very well attended, and the spirit, of prayer reigned throughout.

Then I moved to the village Valy. In my visitation work I found out that there were two families at enmity with each other, and stopped even coming to the meetings. I went to see them, and talked to them about spiritual matters, so that in the end they became reconciled to each other and attended the meetings once again.

I also visited another home where the head of the family had a stroke of paralysis. He had to be fed by others. He could not do anything for himself. His life seemed to be very hard, yet he rejoiced in the Lord greatly.

Please pray for them." G. Ratz

"The Lord blessed the meetings held in the villages Gorzevichy and Mirzochy. I found out that the soil in these communities was very rough. In the course of several years none had joined the Church. On the contrary, the membership decreased. Still the situation is not hopeless. There is a very good Sunday School, which is attended even by the children of unbelievers.

We had a very helpful meeting at Peteranky for ministers and leading brethren. We discussed the affairs and difficulties of our assemblies and shared our spiritual experiences. We were so thankful for this meeting, for it served greatly to our own edification." G. Ratz

*Barns are too small for the number of eager listeners to the word of God in Poland.*

### THE LORD IS SHEDDING HIS LIGHT

"The season of spiritual work started with the beginning of October. I received from all parts invitations to come to preach the Gospel. It was hardly possible to satisfy everybody. All around Lutsk there is a spirit of revival; people come together in little groups by themselves in order to search the Scriptures and the Lord blesses them. An old man of 65 told me that he has been in the Greek Orthodox Church all his life and he never knew anything about what has been revealed to him by the reading of the Word of God. An old woman of 86 expressed her desire to enter into the Covenant with God through the Holy Baptism. The Lord Himself showed her this need. She is illiterate, yet full of faith and of the spirit of wisdom. She is the only believer in her village, like Lot in Sodom. But she is never depressed; she is always rejoicing in the Lord and waiting for His Coming.

In another village a young man turned to the Lord and promised Him to follow in his footsteps. His mother was very much depressed about it; she tried all sorts of things to convert him to his old faith. She sprinkled him with holy water, she burnt incense, and at last, seeing that all her efforts were in vain, she sewed in his coat a piece of a relic of a saint (pieces of this special tissue cloth are sold in the Monastery of Potchaeff). But this did not prevent her son following the Lord.

In the same village there is a woman who has been ill since Easter; she loves the Lord and is seeking Him with all her heart. But since her illness no one is allowed to visit her, as her father is very much opposed to the Evangelicals, and threatened even to kill anyone who would dare to come to see his daughter. We made it a matter of prayer asking the Lord to open the doors of this house to us, and the Lord did it. We went there with brother Potz; we had a talk with the sick woman, we read the Bible and prayed together. Then we invited the father himself to join us. At the beginning he spoke very bitterly and sharply against the believers, but soon he became as gentle as a lamb. When after the talk we were leaving the house, the cruel father came to see us off and talked to us very kindly for over ten minutes.

Indeed, He Who stilled the wind and the waves of the sea could surely still the violent temper of a man!"

G. Bondaruk

### SUFFERING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

"We arrived in the village Velitsky at dusk so that it was too late to advertise the meeting. But we sang hymns when passing through the village. This attracted a great crowd of people who followed us to the meeting hall. People listened very eagerly to the message and the Lord gave us great liberty in the Holy Spirit: 'Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts' (Zech. 4:6). It is a well known fact that wherever the Gospel is preached young people are drawn to the meetings in a very special way by the singing. Therefore, we used much this weapon in our meetings for the glory of God. After the meetings, people went peacefully to their homes. But we were told that the priest of the village was against us, and was trying to do us some harm. This proved to be true. As soon as we were outside the village, a band of people fell upon us. They began to beat us, and the blows fell on our heads. It was with great difficulty that we escaped from their hands. Many of us were badly hurt. But in spite of the blows, Satan did not win much, for those of us who were hurt continued to praise God, leaving all vengeance in His hands (Rom. 12:19)."

T. Kaplun

### SATAN DEFEATED

"We thank the Lord for the manifold blessings we experienced last September. In the village L. where we held a meeting, the enemies of the Lord were rejoicing in the fact that the leading brethren and a great number of believers had emigrated to Canada. They thought that this would be a good reason for closing down religious meetings. But the Lord God decided quite differently. A few women believers left in the village, were still coming together for prayer and for the reading of God's Word. Sometimes they were visited by evangelists from the neighbouring villages. Thus three souls found their Saviour in these meetings and into the Covenant with God through the holy baptism. In another village a man and a woman yielded to Christ. Glory be to Him for ever and ever.

Please pray for me."

A. Shultz

### OPENING OF A PRAYER HOUSE

"The opening of the Prayer House took place on the 5th October in the village Gvozdovo near Kortz. This spiritual work was really started after the war in the village Zheleznitsy. The man who began this work there was brother John Kovalchuk, who during the reign of the Tzar Nicholas II was in exile, and during the Bolshevist regime suffered much in the prison. He became my spiritual father, for it was from him that I heard the Gospel message for the first time in my life. The meeting was held at his home; the singing of the Evangelicals greatly impressed me, they sang: 'I know the Living Church' . . . It was during their singing that I heard a voice speaking to my heart — 'thou knowest nothing of that Living Church' - - . . . I was like dead until that hour, and then suddenly this voice wakened me up from my spiritual sleep and I began to weep . . . I wept because of the realization that I lived for 25 years and during this time I never heard of the Living Church. The meeting lasted two hours, and all this time I wept like a child. As soon as the preacher began to preach, I realized that a veil was taken from off my eyes and I saw the terrible darkness I was groping in. I ardently asked the Lord that I might be lifted up by Him from this abyss. And the Lord heard me. He gave me a new heart and His Holy Spirit, Who enlightens everyone who cometh unto Him.

I took over the ministry of the Word in the village Zheleznitsa as a successor of brother Kovalchuk, and now the spiritual work in the village Gvozdovo is really an offshoot of the Community at Zheleznitsa. The bulk of the work in these places has been done by the missionaries working under Pastor W. Fetler.

Because there are more believers in Gvozdovo than in the village Kortz, it has been decided to build the Prayer House there. Five people were baptized at the opening of the Prayer House. Glory be to Him Who ever increaseth the number of His children."

E. Samoukin

### LIVING THE LIFE OF CHRIST

"It is not always enough to comfort and to help people by telling them of the love of Christ. One has to live His life as well. Last month I experienced it in my own life. A woman at our Church became seriously ill. She was laid up for 26 weeks. Because of her long illness the family was reduced to great need and poverty. Then my wife went over to this family, kept house for them, and nursed the sick woman. I in my turn gave her husband a helping hand in the field work. My wife remained in the house until the woman died. Her last words were: "Farewell. My Jesus."

G. Ratz